

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS,  
CHAPTER 50-7, EDUCATION AND ACCEPTABLE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE -  
ARCHITECTS,  
RULE 50-7-.01 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers Rules, Chapter 50-7, Education and Acceptable Practical Experience - Architects, Rule 50-7-.01 General Eligibility Criteria. (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 50-7-.01. The Board voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing at its board meeting on August 17, 2012.

The proposed rule amendments change the requirement on applicants for examination to be enrolled in the Intern Development Program required by the Board in order to meet the acceptable practical experience requirement to be eligible for taking the exam.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers' web page at <http://www.sos.ga.gov/plb/architects/>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on January 18, 2013, via teleconference at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business

(5:00 p.m.) on January 11, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-314-9128.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers at its meeting on January 18, 2013, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendments to Rule 50-7-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(j), 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, 43-4-11, and 43-4-14.

The Board will consider at its meeting on January 18, 2013 whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(j), 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, 43-4-11, and 43-4-14.

Additionally, at its meeting on January 18, 2013, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(j), 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, 43-4-11, and 43-4-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The Board will consider whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the field of architecture.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

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Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: December 17, 2012

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS RULES,  
CHAPTER 50-7 EDUCATION AND ACCEPTABLE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE  
- ARCHITECTS, RULE 50-7-.01 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.**

Rule 50-7-.01 General Eligibility Criteria. is hereby proposed for amendment and adoption as amended.

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed rule amendments is to change the requirement for eligibility to take the examination.

Main Features: The main features of the proposed amendments to the rule is a change to the exam eligibility requirement for applicants to be enrolled in the Internal Development Program required by the Board.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND  
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS,  
CHAPTER 50-7 EDUCATION AND ACCEPTABLE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE  
- ARCHITECTS, RULE 50-7-.01 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

**50-7-.01 General Eligibility Criteria.**

(1) Applicants for examination who qualify under Code Section 43-4-11(b)(1) must have ~~completed~~ enrolled in the Intern Development Program (IDP) training requirements set forth in Rule 50-7-.02 in order to meet acceptable practical experience requirements for eligibility to take the examination.

(2) Applicants for examination who qualify under Code Section 43-4-11(b)(2) must have completed a minimum of ten years' acceptable practical experience , including academic training, following completion of high school or the equivalent in order to be eligible to take the examination. As part of the acceptable practical experience, the applicant must have completed the Intern Development Program (IDP) training requirements set forth in Rule 50-7-.02. The remaining experience, including academic training, must be earned in accordance with that described in Rule 50-7-.03.

(a) No IDP training credits may be earned prior to satisfactory completion of five years of acceptable practical experience, including academic training, as described in Rule 50-7-.03.

(b) In evaluating credit for academic training and/or practical experience obtained concurrently in part-time or full-time endeavors described in Rule 50-7-.03, credits will

be prorated between endeavors on the basis of a standard work week, with the combined credit not to exceed a 40-hour work week.

(3) Applicants for examination who qualify under Code Section 43-4-11(b)(3) must have completed a minimum of six years' acceptable practical experience in order to be eligible

to take the examination. As part of the acceptable practical experience, the applicant must have completed the Intern Development Program (IDP) training requirements set forth in Rule 50-7-.02. The remaining experience must be earned in accordance with that described in Rule 50-7-.03(1) or through the completion of additional IDP training.

(a) No IDP training credits may be earned prior to completion of the bachelor's degree described in Code Section 43-4-11(b)(3).

(b) In evaluating credit for academic training and/or practical experience obtained concurrently in part-time or full-time endeavors described in Rule 50-7-.03(1) credits will be prorated between endeavors on the basis of a standard work week, with the combined credit not to exceed a 40-hour work week.

(c) A "bachelor's degree with a substantial concentration in architecture approved by the Board" is defined as a preprofessional degree program that is recognized as sufficient to satisfy the entrance requirements for a candidate's direct entry into a National Architectural Accrediting Board ("NAAB") accredited master's degree program. A "Board approved school or college" is defined as a school or college which offers a bachelor's degree program with substantial concentration in architecture as defined above and which has awarded bachelor degrees to at least one class of students who have completed the school's or college's full preprofessional degree curriculum.

~~(4) The Board may accept training and experience that it deems substantially equivalent to the requirements set forth in this chapter.~~